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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7781.0040-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Gert RUSCH et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2163
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Application No.: 09/989,070)	Examiner: Uyen T. LE
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Filed: November 21, 2001)	
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For: METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM)	Confirmation No.: 9748
PRODUCT AND COMPUTER)	
SYSTEM FOR A SINGLE)	
DATABASE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT)	
MULTIPLE APPLICATION)	
SYSTEMS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the application referenced above. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on September 23, 2004, with a request for a three-month suspension of prosecution and required fee. Before three months had elapsed, the PTO improperly mailed an Office Action on December 1, 2004. Shortly after receiving the Office Action, Applicants contacted Examiner Le, who indicated that the Office Action was prematurely mailed and would be withdrawn. Applicants subsequently filed a Supplemental Amendment on December 22, 2004, within the three-month suspension period.

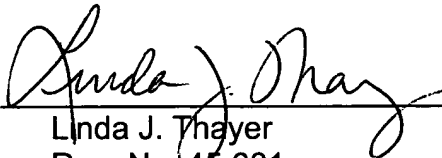
When Applicants last communicated with Examiner Le on March 31, 2005, she again indicated that the December 1, 2004, Office Action would be withdrawn and that an Office Action responsive to the Supplemental Amendment filed December 22, 2004, would follow. Examiner Le indicated that we should expect a statement from the PTO officially withdrawing the December 1, 2004, Office Action within a few days of the March 31, 2005, phone conversation. Applicants have yet to receive this statement, and PAIR indicates that this Office Action has not yet been withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination. In view of the circumstances mentioned above, however, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise of the status of this application as soon as possible. If this application is not in condition for examination, Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (650) 849-6621.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 10, 2005

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